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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 159

BY COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

A Resolution honoring Diane E. Bolender upon her retirement as Director of the Legislative Service Bureau.

WHEREAS, Diane E. Bolender is retiring as the Director of the Legislative Service Bureau after serving in that capacity for nearly 13 years; and

WHEREAS, Diane's service at the Legislative Service Bureau has spanned five decades and nearly 35 years; and

WHEREAS, Diane began her legislative career working for the Iowa General Assembly in 1967 prior to the time when the General Assembly first began meeting each year in regular session, and when the Legislative Service Bureau was a young central staff agency; and

WHEREAS, Diane's academic degree in history, government, and education and her experience working for the Omaha Public Schools as a high school government teacher served her well in preparing her for her drafting, staffing, and research work at the Legislative Service Bureau; and

WHEREAS, Diane exhibited her commitment to the General Assembly and the citizens of this state by quickly becoming an expert in the drafting of bills and staffing of committees in the areas of education, education finance, public retirement systems, and state government; and

WHEREAS, Diane continually assumed more responsibility throughout her career at the Legislative Service Bureau, becoming a Senior Research

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1 Analyst in 1980, assuming the position of Research  
2 Division Chief in 1987, being elevated to Deputy  
3 Director in 1988, and being named by the Legislative  
4 Council as Director in 1989; and

5 WHEREAS, Diane has been an exceptional and much-  
6 beloved staff person in the Legislative Service  
7 Bureau, continually exclaiming her exuberance for  
8 legislative staffing, exercising her devotion and  
9 loyalty to the General Assembly as an institution and  
10 as a co-equal branch of government, and pursuing her  
11 untiring resolve to always prepare the highest quality  
12 work products for the General Assembly in the shortest  
13 time frame possible; and

14 WHEREAS, Diane has been extremely active in  
15 representing the Iowa General Assembly in national  
16 legislative organizations, including the Education  
17 Commission of the States, the National Conference of  
18 State Legislatures, and the Council of State  
19 Governments; and

20 WHEREAS, Diane was elected to the highest  
21 legislative staff position in the nation as the  
22 National Conference of State Legislatures' Staff Chair  
23 for 2000-2001, representing more than 30,000  
24 legislative staff around the country and endeavoring  
25 to serve them through the programs and services  
26 offered by this dynamic professional association of  
27 legislators and staff; and

28 WHEREAS, Diane's other activities for the National  
29 Conference of State Legislatures have included serving  
30 as a founding member of the Education Staff Network,

1 serving as the Chair of the Research and Committee  
2 Staff Section, serving as Staff Chair of the Assembly  
3 on the Legislature and of the Assembly on State  
4 Issues, and serving two terms on the Executive  
5 Committee; and

6 WHEREAS, Diane has also served as a staff member of  
7 the national Executive Committee of the Council of  
8 State Governments and worked as the principal  
9 legislative staff person and liaison to the Council of  
10 State Governments' staff when the Iowa General  
11 Assembly hosted the 1992 National Annual Meeting of  
12 the Council of State Governments and the 1994  
13 Midwestern Legislative Conference Meeting of the  
14 Council of State Governments in Des Moines; and

15 WHEREAS, it is fitting that the Senate should  
16 recognize Diane's extraordinary and long-term public  
17 service, her unsurpassed devotion to the legislature  
18 as an institution, her inspiring leadership in the  
19 Legislative Service Bureau's fulfillment of its  
20 nonpartisan drafting and staffing missions, and her  
21 determined attention to the lawmaking functions of the  
22 General Assembly; NOW THEREFORE,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate pay  
24 tribute to Diane E. Bolender, Director of the  
25 Legislative Service Bureau, for her extraordinary and  
26 inspiring accomplishments as the leader and manager of  
27 the General Assembly's nonpartisan drafting and  
28 staffing agency, and for her devoted service over  
29 nearly 35 years to the General Assembly and the  
30 citizens of this state, and, upon her retirement, wish

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1 her the very best in the years ahead; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the  
3 Senate prepare an official copy of this Resolution for  
4 presentation to Diane E. Bolender.

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